

"One size fits all" is true for many baseball caps. But it does not work for aircraft hardware such as the screws, turnlock fasteners, nuts and bolts used to secure the access doors, panels and covers on your bird's airframe.

A slightly longer bolt, fastener or screw may fit the hole, but the head sticks out a bit too far. It'll snag your skin or rip your uniform. Worse yet, it could vibrate loose and fall out during flight. Then your bird's doors, covers and panels could fall off.

Good PM calls for using the right part in the right place. Always. Never guess.

When you're doing aircraft pre-flight checks, eyeball your aircraft for missing hardware.

If any hardware needs replacing, check your -23P manual and use the size and type of screw or turnlock fastener called for.

